

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the heading on page 1, line 3, with the following new heading and subheading:**

~~Technical Field~~ -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

**Please replace the heading on page 1, line 17, with the following rewritten heading:**

-- 2. Background Art --

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

-- Fig. 16 is a sectional view schematically illustrating an application of the welding wire tangling prevention device of the present invention to a ~~pail-back~~ pail pack using an inner pipe. --

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

-- In accordance with the third embodiment of the present invention, the outer and inner rings 11a" and 11b", the covers 13a" and 13b", and the comb teeth 12a' and 12b' are preferably made of iron so that they can be more easily manufactured. Also, the welding wire tangling-prevention device of this embodiment more strongly presses the tube-shaped wound body 111 in the pail pack 100 by its increased weight, thereby more effectively preventing the subsequent loops of the welding wire 110 ~~from~~ from being lifted or drawn to be tangled. Thus, the welding process can be more conveniently carried out. --

**Please delete the heading on page 37 at line 26.**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

-- In accordance with the third embodiment of the present invention, the manufacture of the welding wire tangling-prevention device can be more easily achieved. The ring member 11' and comb teeth 12a and 12b more strongly press the tube-shaped wound body 111 in the pail pack 100 by its increased weight, thereby more effectively preventing the subsequent loops of the welding wire 110 ~~form~~ from being lifted or drawn to be tangled. Thus, the welding process can be more conveniently carried out. --